

good for nothing. Who was it  
that brought in a vessel, and  
what were the plants he  
brought, to Europe, under cir-  
cumstances similar to those  
the Ed. Reviewer has so missed  
up with the other things in his  
post-prural? You know  
all such things, Pray  
help me.

Kind regards to Mrs. James;  
love to the children, and  
my thanks to you.

Ever truly

Albany

B - 29 July 15.

Dear Mrs. James  
Many thanks for yr  
kind letter of the 23<sup>d</sup> -

As to my lectures at  
Washington. The facts are  
that Mrs. Gray had ac-  
cepted a pressing invitation  
from the Henry's, and wished  
to time it so as to see the  
inauguration of Father Abra-  
ham. So I was to run  
on into her, at the close of  
Feb. 7, - and to give one or

two lectures at the Smithsonian — only one, however, being possible, as I can be away only a week.

Mrs. Gray had counted on going straight through from N. Y. to Washington, (but I had rather set my mind on a day in Philada. just to see our friends there), and looked to have a day or two with you on her way back.

But now, this great calamity of the fire upsets all our plans,

and makes it very doubtful if we go at all. But I will let you know our movements if we do, and I hope we shall, at least see you, en passant. I could wish Mrs. Gray to stay here a good while, — but I doubt if she will. The fact is, we are too old a couple to be long separated.

Adrien de Jussieu is the man photograph.

I have no Humboldt, and I know not how to get any.

On the enclosed sheet is a blank for you to fill up. My memory is now just